

BRIEF IS PRESENTED
IN ANTI-TRUST SUIT

Attorney General Wickersham is After the American Tobacco Co.

SUBMITS FACTS TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT SHOWING THE COMPANY HAS GROWN UNTIL ITS ASSETS AMOUNT TO \$400,000,000 AND THAT DEFENDANTS PERSISTENTLY PRACTICE UNFAIR METHODS IN OPPRESSING COMPETITORS.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Attorney General Wickersham and Special Assistant J. C. Reynolds presented to the supreme court of the United States today the government's brief in the famous anti-trust tobacco suit which will be argued next week.

The facts given go to show that the American Tobacco company has grown until its combined assets amount to four hundred million. It is asserted that the combination manufactures all of the cigarettes for export, almost three-fourths of the smoking tobacco and cigarettes for domestic sale, more than three-fourths of the plug twist and fine tobacco and almost all snuff and little of the cigars that are made.

It declared that the "defendants have persisted in using unfair methods and have used their great power in oppressive ways." The attorney-general asks that the injunction and findings of the lower court be branded, so as to take in the companies and some individuals who were relieved from the operation of the circuit court's verdict.

STOCKADE
IS INVESTIGATED

ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL TO PROBE CHARGES OF GRAFT, INHUMANITY AND BRUTAL WHIPPING OF WHITE WOMEN THERE.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—The city council today began investigating conditions of the city prison, known as the stockade. The present grand jury indicted the superintendent and two guards for brutally beating a negro. Another negro died from blood poisoning from rusty shackles. Further charges of graft, inhumanity, the brutal whipping of white women, at least one of whom was in a delicate condition at the time, have been made and over a hundred witnesses have been summoned.

COTTON FIRE
AT GALVESTON

BROKE OUT ON PIER NO. 12 AND THREATENED TO ASSUME SERIOUS PROPORTIONS — 2,300 BALES DAMAGED.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—A spectacular fire which threatened at one time to assume serious proportions broke out today at pier No. 12 and before it had been subdued, damaged about 2,300 bales of cotton. The loss will amount to upwards of \$50,000. The report became current that the fire had gotten away from the firemen and that all the cotton piers would go. This resulted in many inquiries being received from firms which had cotton shipped coastwise and for Europe via Galveston.

Southern Girl to Have Honor
Designing Memorial to Her Sex

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—A Southern girl will have the honor of designing the memorial to her sex which will be erected in all the Southern states by the veterans of the confederacy in honor of the women who suffered during the days of 1861-65. A design submitted by Miss Belle Kinney, of Nashville, Tenn., was chosen by the committee of veterans representing 12 of the 13 Southern states who met here yesterday and bronze shafts will be cast and erected as soon as the necessary funds are available. The memorial will show a group of

Two Children Left Alone at
Home Are Burned to Death

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—In the village of Santa Claus, two children were burned to death last night. Their mother found their blackened, writhing little bodies a few minutes before they died, in a room where she had left them playing an hour before. The mother, Mrs. Fred Keller, the wife of a young farmer, went to the barn to help milk the cows and make the horses comfortable for the night. A thought of her girls, two and one-half and one and one-half years old,

inspired the mother to leave her husband to finish the work and she returned to the house. As she neared the house she heard the children screaming. She rushed in. The rooms were filled with smoke. Groping along the floors, she came upon the babies' twisting bodies, and dragged them to a door. Their eyes had been burned out and their bodies horribly charred. The older one had played about the stove and had set fire to her and her baby sister's clothing. Santa Claus is in Spencer county, near the Ohio river.

TELEGRAPHERS
GAIN A POINT

THREATENED STRIKE ON THE BIG FOUR RAILROAD IS AVERTED BY AN AGREEMENT TO COM-
PROMISE.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—A compromise was reached between the telegraphers of the Big Four and the management of the system, and danger of a strike was removed. The basis of the agreement was an investigation of all stations on the system and increased pay at such points where increased work is shown.

EDUCATORS OF
SOUTH ADJOURN

HEARD ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT EMERITUS ELIOT OF HARVARD, AND THEN ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Charlotte, Dec. 30.—With the election of officers this morning and an address by President Emeritus Eliot of Harvard, this evening, the Southern Education association adjourned. The next place of meeting was left with the executive committee. The officers are: President, Dr. D. B. Johnson, of South Carolina; treasurer, E. P. Burns, of Atlanta. Among the directors are W. M. Holloway, of Florida; J. M. Pound, of Atlanta; H. N. Snyder, of South Carolina, and L. H. Whitfield, of Mississippi. Former State Superintendent O. B. Martin, of South Carolina, talked on "The Boy on the Farm."

MUST REGULATE
TIMBER CUTTING

UNLESS IT IS DONE THERE WILL BE FLOODS, DROUGHTS AND BLIZZARDS, DECLARES DR. LYMAN ABBOTT OF NEW YORK.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—"If we do not regulate the cutting of our forests it will not be long before there will be floods and droughts and blizzards which will show us our folly. China has learned the lesson. We should not allow conditions to go so far that the same dire experiences are repeated here." So declared Dr. Lyman Abbott, of New York, here today. Conservation of the nation's resources, he says, is the paramount issue before the American people. Dr. Abbott will deliver a sermon Sunday in connection with the semi-centennial celebration of Louisiana State university at Baton Rouge.

MRS. TAFT BUYS
BALL GROUNDS

WIFE OF CHAS. P. TAFT PURCHASES PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL LEAGUE GROUNDS, PAYING \$250,000 FOR PROPERTY.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Annie Sinton Taft, wife of Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, is now the owner of the Philadelphia National League grounds. The deed was filed today. The price paid was two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The Philadelphia National League club was given a lease on the grounds for ninety-nine years.

THE UTAH, UNCLE SAM'S BIGGEST WARSHIP,
AND HER SPONSOR AT THE LAUNCHING

The New York Shipbuilding company made a record in the construction of the battleship Utah, for the gigantic hull was launched just nine months from the day the keel was laid. Governor Spry, of Utah, with members of his staff and several distinguished residents of Utah, including Senator Reed Smoot, journeyed to Camden, Pa., for the launching ceremony. The sponsor was Miss Mary Alice Spry, the governor's pretty young daughter. Miss Spry acquitted herself with distinction. On tiptoe of excitement because of the conspicuous part she was to play, Miss Spry stood at the prow of the ship holding the beribboned bottle of champagne with which the Utah was to be christened. For three-quarters of an hour hundreds of workmen had been knocking and tugging at the pieces of timber which held the battleship fast. Of a sudden the big mass of iron and steel was seen to tremble and to move. Miss Spry quickly smashed the bottle against the prow and exclaimed, "I christen thee Utah!" As the wine trickled down the side of the vessel she glided down the ways without a hitch or a jar and took her first plunge in the Delaware. As the ship struck the water and swung away into the stream there was a cheer from the thousands of throats which reverberated far over the river. Adding to the tumult, tugs and other craft took up the salutation. These snapshots were taken at the launching. The Utah will be the largest ship in the navy when completed.

NOISY ZELAYA
TOLD TO SHUT
UP BY DIAZ

After Visit to President of Mexico the Former Ruler Refuses to Talk.

RUMORED THAT HE WILL LEAVE MEXICO CITY BEFORE SUNDAY —NICARAGUAN CONGRESS CONFERS AUTHORITY ON MADRIZ TO ABOLISH TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL MONOPOLIES, INDEMNIFYING PRIVATE STOCKHOLDERS FOR THEIR LOSSES.

Mexico City, Dec. 30.—Following a visit to President Diaz today former President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, declined to give interviews to newspaper men, and it is believed Diaz told Zelaya to refrain from talking to a period of six days. Why six days he would not explain. It is rumored here tonight that Zelaya will leave the Mexican capital before Sunday. To friends Zelaya said he would remain here for several months, and then go to Belgium to personally superintend the education of his children. The meeting with Diaz was devoid of an official character.

TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL MONOPOLIES ABOLISHED

Managua, Dec. 30.—Congress today conferred authority upon President Madriz to abolish the tobacco and al-

COLDEST WEATHER KNOWN
IN PENSACOLA IN 8 YEARS

WILLIAM H. MOORE SOON TO CONTROL MORE RAILROADS

Mercury Dropped Down to 21 Degrees Early Yesterday Morning



It is believed that the purchase of an interest in the Lehigh Valley railroad by the Moore-Reid syndicate means a new transcontinental line. When Judge William H. Moore, E. S. Moore and Daniel G. Reid, who virtually control the Rock Island system, bought into the Lehigh, Wall Street regarded it as a move for a new trunk line between New York and Chicago, if not all the way to the Pacific coast. Judge Moore will enter the directorate of the Lehigh on Jan. 15, and it is said that sweeping changes will take place.

MANY WATER PIPES FROZE, WHICH BROKE, GIVING THE PLUMBERS PLENTY OF WORK TO DO—ICE, WHICH HAD FORMED DURING THE NIGHT, REMAINED THROUGHOUT DAY, AFFORDING AN UNUSUAL SIGHT IN PENSACOLA.

The coldest in eight years. That was what it was yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, when the government thermometer perched on the roof of the American National Bank building registered 21 degrees above zero. Furthermore, the mercury was slow to rise, and it was not until 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon that it had gone up to any appreciable extent, and then it showed at 41 degrees.

An unusual sight met the gaze of citizens during yesterday, for ice which had formed during the night failed to melt during the day. The fountain in the Plaza, where great icicles had formed during the night, remained frozen throughout the day, and many stopped to witness the sight. Ice was also noticeable during the entire day at other points, and at some exposed points it was at least a quarter of an inch thick.

Employees of the city waterworks department, as well as plumbing firms, put in a busy day, for many had neglected to shut off the water supply, and when they awoke yesterday morning it was to find pipes which had burst during the night, and from which water was flowing in immense quantities. Other hydrants were frozen stiff, and many families could not obtain water until late in the day, by which time they had thawed out the pipes.

NOT THE COLDEST DAY. While yesterday was an unusually cold day, it was not the coldest known here. Seventeen degrees above zero was recorded on Dec. 21, 1901, and the same temperature occurred on Jan. 30, 1880. On December 29, 1894, the records show 14 degrees above, while the coldest day in the history of the city since the establishment of the weather bureau was on Feb. 13, 1899, when the thermometer registered 7 degrees above. Yesterday's minimum of 21 degrees was a departure of 21 degrees from the normal temperature of the day. The average minimum for yesterday was 45 degrees.

BIG STEAMER
DRIFTING ABOUT

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PASSENGER STEAMER EXCELSIOR BEYOND CONTROL ABOUT FORTY MILES NORTH OF DIAMOND SHOALS LIGHTSHIP.

Beaufort, N. C., Dec. 30.—The Southern Pacific passenger steamer Excelsior, which sailed from New York Wednesday for New Orleans, is drifting about, forty miles north of Diamond Shoals lightship, showing a signal that she is not under control.

FIRST WOMAN TO
BE SO HONORED

Springfield, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Ella F. Young, superintendent of the Chicago public schools, was elected today president of the Illinois State Teachers' association. It is the first time in history that a woman was chosen the head of such an organization.

TWO NEW CANDIDATES FOR
SENATOR FROM MISSISSIPPI

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 30.—Two new candidates have appeared in the field for the senatorship made vacant by the death of Senator A. J. McLaurin. Formal announcements were made today by Congressman Adam Byrd, of the Fifth district, and Judge Frank A. Criz, of West Point. Others from whom announcements are believed to be forthcoming are J. S. Sexton, of Hazlehurst, and ex-Congressman W. S. Hill, of Greenwood. This will make a total of nine entries.

Earl Percy Dead, Rumored He
Received Fatal Wound in Duel

London, Dec. 30.—According to word received here today from Paris, Earl Percy (Henry Algernon George), formerly under secretary of state for foreign affairs, is dead there.

Death was due to complications, following an attack of pneumonia, according to the family. It is widely reported here, however, that the earl's fatal illness followed wounds received during a duel in which he is said to have taken part in Paris some days ago.

Earl Percy was the eldest son and heir of the seventh duke of Northumberland. He had represented South

Kensington since 1895. In 1902-03 he was under-secretary of state for India and for two succeeding years under foreign secretary. He was born in 1871 and was unmarried. His home was in London. Despite all denials, the rumor still persists that Earl Percy was the victim of a duel. His opponent is said to have been an Englishman who had been received as a friend in the earl's family. What caused the quarrel is not stated, but the two are said to have left England for the express purpose of fighting the duel. A bullet is said to have pierced the earl's lungs.

TAFT IS PRESENT
AT A MARRIAGE

PRESIDENT GUEST AT THE WEDDING IN NEW YORK OF HIS NIECE, MISS LOUISE TAFT, TO G. W. SNOWDEN.

New York, Dec. 30.—With the president of the United States as a guest, Miss Louise W. Taft, his niece, was married today to George H. Snowden, of Seattle, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, in West Forty-eighth street. The president, his daughter Helen, son Robert, and his military aide, Captain Archibald Butt, left Washington at 9 o'clock this morning for this city.

THE USUAL YEAR-END
FLURRY IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 30.—The usual year-end flurry in call money took place today, loans going to 7 per cent on the stock exchange during the noon hour. Only twice in the last ten years—last year and in 1904—has call money failed to work higher than today's figures in the final quarter. In 1907 and 1905 a rate of 125 per cent was touched, while from 9 to 35 per cent was the range from 1903 back to 1900.